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SUBJ: ABUSES OF DETENTE BY THE USSR

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1. SUMMARY: WHILE VERBALLY ADHERING TO THE POLICY OF
DETENTE, THE USSR HAS YET TO PUT THE POLICY INTO
PRACTICABLE APPLICATION AT THE UN. LOOKING AT SECURITY COUNCIL
MEETINGS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, THE USSR HAS
CONSISTENTLY RATIONALIZED ITS POLICIES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF
DETENTE, AND LECTURED EVERY MEETING, NO MATTER WHAT THE
SUBJECT, ON THE GLORIES OF DETENTE. IN REALITY SMUN HAS
DONE NOTHING TO CHANGE ITS OUTLOOK OR STANCE ON ANY MAJOR
ISSUES. USUN BELIEVES IT NECESSARY TO DISCUSS THIS ABUSE
OF DETENTE FRANKLY WITH THE USSR AND HAS STARTED THIS PROCESS
WITH USUN-SMUN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AUGUST 29. (REFERENCE)
END SUMMARY.

2. WHILE CONTINUALLY ALLUDING TO THE POLICY OF DETENTE
AND CONSTANTLY USING THE WORD IN SPEECHES IN THE
SECURITY COUNCIL (AS AMBASSADOR MALIK MANAGED TO DO NO LESS
THAT FOUR TIMES IN HIS SPEECH ON THE APPLICATION FOR
ADMISSION OF THE TWO VIETNAMS 11 AUG. 75), THE USSR HAS
CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED AN INTRANSIGENT OPPOSITION TO POSITIONS
AND POLICIES OF THE WESTERN POWERS ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL.
IN FACT, "DETENTE" HAS BECOME A WORD GAME USED WITH FULL
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FORCE TO SUPPORT THE USSR'S POSITIONS ON SUCH DIVERSE

MATTERS AS CYPRUS, NAMIBIA, AND APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS, BUT HAS BEEN WITHHELD AS A VIABLE ENTITY IN DISCUSSING OTHER SIDES OF AN ISSUE. AS SUCCINCTLY PUT BY UK AMBASSADOR RICHARD IN A SECURITY COUNCIL SPEECH LAST DECEMBER: "THERE SEEMS TO BE GROWING UP AN UNWRITTEN RULE OF PROCEDURE IN THIS ORGANIZATION OF OURS, NAMELY, THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS ENTITLED TO ATTACK THE GOOD FAITH, THE MOTIVES, THE INTENTIONS, THE HONESTY OF ANY OTHER NATION, BUT IT IS SOMEHOW OUT OF ORDER OR CONTRARY TO THE ACCEPTED AND ESTABLISHED PRACTICE, OR, INDEED, JUST BAD FORM FOR ANYONE TO REPLY." THE REST SIT AS THOUGH BEGUILLED BY THE COBRA, UNAUTHORIZED TO PUT THINGS VERBALLY IN BALANCE.

3. IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS IN SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATES, WE HAVE SEEN AMBASSADOR RICHARD'S STATEMENT VALIDATED TIME AND AGAIN BY THE USSR. WHILE FORCEFULLY EXPRESSING THE NEED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AS THE BEST MEANS TO OBTAIN A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN CYPRUS, THE SOVIETS BRUSHED ASIDE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS BY DECLARING THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED "NOT SOMEWHERE BEHIND THE SCENES WITHIN NARROW NATO CIRCLES." AGAIN DURING THE DEBATE ON NAMIBIA THIS PAST SPRING, THE USSR PRONOUNCED ITS I-AM-RIGHT-YOU-ARE-WRONG ATTITUDE, POINTING OUT THAT DIALOGUE WITH SOUTH AFRICA, AS STRESSED BY THE WESTERN POWERS, WAS FALLACIOUS AND UNREAL. INVOKING THE POLICY OF DETENTE, MALIK SAID "(BLANK) DETENTE CREATES AUSPICIOUS CONDITIONS AND PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER SUCCESSFUL DEPLOYMENT OF THE CULMINATING STAGES OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE OF OPPRESSED PEOPLES ON THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA AGAINST COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, AND RACISM." DETENTE COVERED NEITHER UNDERSTANDING, NOR DIALOGUE, NOR CONSULTATION.

4. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, NOWHERE WAS THE USSR'S PERFORMANCE MORE DISMAL THAN DURING THE MOST RECENT SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATES OVER THE APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE UN OF SOUTH KOREA AND THE TWO VIETNAMS. ALTHOUGH DESCRIBING THE ADMISSION OF SOUTH KOREA AS "COMPLETELY INADVISABLE" AND THE PROPOSAL TO ADMIT SOUTH KOREA TO MEMBERSHIP AS "UNFOUNDED AND UNJUSTIFIED" BECAUSE OF SOUTH KOREA'S POLICY OF "SYSTEMATICALLY INCREASING ITS ARMED FORCES AND COMMITTING

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INNUMERABLE ACTS OF HOSTILITY AND PROVOCATION VIS A VIS THE DPRK", THE USSR INVOKED THE POLICY OF DETENTE TO SUPPORT THE APPLICATIONS OF THE TWO VIETNAMS. DESCRIBING THE CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION OF THE TWO VIETNAMS AS ONE OF THE "MANY POSITIVE RESULTS OF THE POLICY OF DETENTE", MALIK MOVED A STEP FURTHER BY SAYING CONSIDERATION AND ADMISSION (OF THE VIETNAMS) "IS A GENUINE REFLECTION OF THE TREMENDOUS AND IRREVERSIBLE CHANGES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN THE WORLD,

THANKS TO THE TIRELESS EFFORTS OF ALL PEACELOVING AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES, AND PRIMARILY THE COUNTRIES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY."

5. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY SEEN IN SECURITY COUNCIL SPEECHES BY THE USSR, AND IN FACT THROUGHOUT THE UN COMMITTEE SYSTEM, THE MOUTHING OF DETENTE AND THE APPLAUDING OF IT TO EXPLAIN A POSITION, BUT IN MALIK'S OWN WORDS "WE ARE NOW LIVING IN AN ERA-----WHEN THE TASK OF ALL PEACE LOVING STATES IS TO BE CONCERNED THAT INTERNATIONAL DETENTE TO A GROWING EXTENT BECOMES FILLED WITH CONCRETE MATERIAL CONTENT." IN USUN-SMUN INFORMAL CONSULTATION AUG 29, DETENTE WAS TOUCHED UPON, WITH USUN POINTING OUT THE NEED FOR RESULTS AFTER HELSINKI AS WELL AS THE NEED NOT TO FOCUS ON AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT. WE BELIEVE THIS PHILOSOPHY SHOULD BE STRESSED IN ALL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SMUN, POINTING OUT THAT FOR DETENTE TO SUCCEED WE MUST HAVE CONCRETE RESULTS, NOT MERE RHETORIC WHEN THE OCCASION SUITS ITS USE. WE SHOULD BE IN POSITION TO CALL SOVIETS TO ACCOUNT AND TO BALANCE THINGS WHEN THEY GROSSLY ABUSE DETENTE AND SEEK OPENLY AND URGENTLY TO CONVERT IT TO ENDS OF THEIR OWN SUBVERSIVE POLICY.
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